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E.O. 11652: GDS, 31-12-79

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SUBJECT: BURDENSHARING

1. SEPTEL REPORTS NAC DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS ON BURDENSHARING
AT MEETING 8 NOVEMBER.

2. AS FOLLOW-UP TO THAT MEETING, THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS
INFORMED MISSION THAT IT IS PREPARING A PO FOR RELEASE BY THE
SECRETARY GENERAL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, ON SUBJECT OF BURDEN-
SHARING. INTERNATIONAL STAFF PROPOSES THAT PO WILL DIRECT
APPROPRIATE NATO COMMITTEES TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING TWO TASKS:

(1) DRAFT A GENERAL STATEMENT DECLARING ALLIES' INTENTION
TO ASSIST US WITH BOP AND BUDGETARY PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM
STATIONING OF US FORCES IN EUROPE;

(2) REPORT TO THE NAC BY FEBRUARY 15, 1974, RECOMMENDATIONS
ON LOWERING US COST SHARE IN INFRASTRUCTURE, MILITARY AND CIVIL
BUDGETS AND IN CEPS DEFICIT.

3. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF PLACING BEFORE THE DPC
AND THE NAC AT DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETINGS ONLY THE FIRST OF THE
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TWO ITEMS ABOVE.

4. REQUEST IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER US MISSION SHOULD SEEK

TO ALTER THE PROPOSED PO. THE CRUCIAL ISSUE, IN OUR JUDGMENT, IS
THE NATURE AND THE DEGREE OF PROGRESS TOWARD BURDENSARING ARRANGE-
MENTS IN NATO WHICH WASHINGTON DESIRES AT THE TIME OF THE DECEMBER
MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. GUIDANCE OF A MORE GENERAL NATURE ON THIS ISSUE
WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE
NAC WILL ADDRESS THE SUBJECT OF BURDENSARING ONCE AGAIN NEXT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.
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